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CAPACITORS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN PEACE

Sprague Electric Orchestra In Concert



Hiroshima, Japan, seen from the air, after being destroyed by the atomic bomb on August 6, 1945. —Army Air Force Photo

Atomic Power In War and Peace

How many bombs would be necessary to destroy all nations -- 100 or 1,000? In this article from a speech by Arthur Compton, the Chancellor of Washington University gives his idea of the future applications of atomic energy.

Atomic energy has had its first great application in stopping a war—but soon will bear the burdens of peace.

It is a mistake to suppose that the atomic bomb alone has revolutionized warfare. For the first time in a war, it was impossible to protect one's home by holding the enemy beyond a wall or fighting line. This change was brought about by armadas of airplanes guided by radar, jet-propelled planes traveling at the speed of sound, and long-range rocket bombs. One plane could do what had previously been done by a thousand. At present, if one bomb can devastate four square miles and damage a hundred square miles, how many

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Bombing Radar Sets Used at Weather Stations

A high-altitude bombing radar set, designed by the Signal Corps to spread destruction in enemy countries, now has been adapted to a peacetime meteorological use in detecting the approach of storms.

Originally installed in B-29 bombers, these sets are being dismantled and mounted in observation stations, where they foretell the direction, intensity and other characteristics of weather disturbances.

To Make Initial Bow in March

The Sprague Electric Orchestra has been rehearsing for the past four months. There were many problems to be ironed out before the orchestra could get under way. There was the problem of organization—the problem of getting enough persons sufficiently interested to form such an organization—the problem of a suitable place to meet for rehearsals—the problem of getting the right instruments.

Under the able supervision of Stanley Denoyan, Harry Barschdorf, and Gene Pyke, the orchestra was formed, and now with "Stan" Denoyan wielding the baton, the group will make its first public appearance some time in March.

Paging "Sprague on Parade" Members and Others Interested in Singing

For the March presentation, it is planned to add the voices of the former "Sprague on Parade" chorus to round out a pleasing program of vocal and instrumental selections. Anyone, interested in singing, whether a member of this group or not, is cordially invited to join with the two groups for the concert. Participation in this event will be stimulating and afford a great deal of satisfaction to the participants. If interested, come out to the first joint rehearsal on Wednesday, February 6th, at the auditorium of the State Teachers' College.

Race For Atomic Weapons Means World Annihilation

It is necessary that we work toward committing to a world government the responsibility, authority and military strength, to prevent any nation, including our own, from waging war against another nation.

HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF HIDDEN COMPONENT PARTS ESSENTIAL TO MODERN LIFE

The humble "condenser" would still be leading a hermit's life if Uncle Sam had not released publicity about radar, the proximity fuze and the A-Bomb. Even so, we wonder if Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Public has any idea what a capacitor is; what makes it click; how many thousands of different kinds are needed to keep things going today.

9675 DIFFERENT ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS DESIGNED AND MADE BY SPRAGUE IN ONE YEAR

On this page is a panoramic view of some of the thousands of different components designed, engineered and produced by Sprague Electric Company in 1944. Before long we hope to show you the 1945 picture. Meanwhile we will publish material explaining what a capacitor does; how it

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Radio and Electronics Employees Make Good Showing In Winning Army-Navy "E" Awards

Manufacturers engaged in radio and electronics production, together with their employees, have made a splendid showing in winning the Army and Navy coveted "E" awards during the war.

The final list of war plants which were given one or more of the "E" awards included 4,283 plants. There were well over 100 plants representing the radio and electronics industry showing a higher ratio of winners in this field than of industry as a whole.

According to the official Army-Navy report, the "E" award was granted

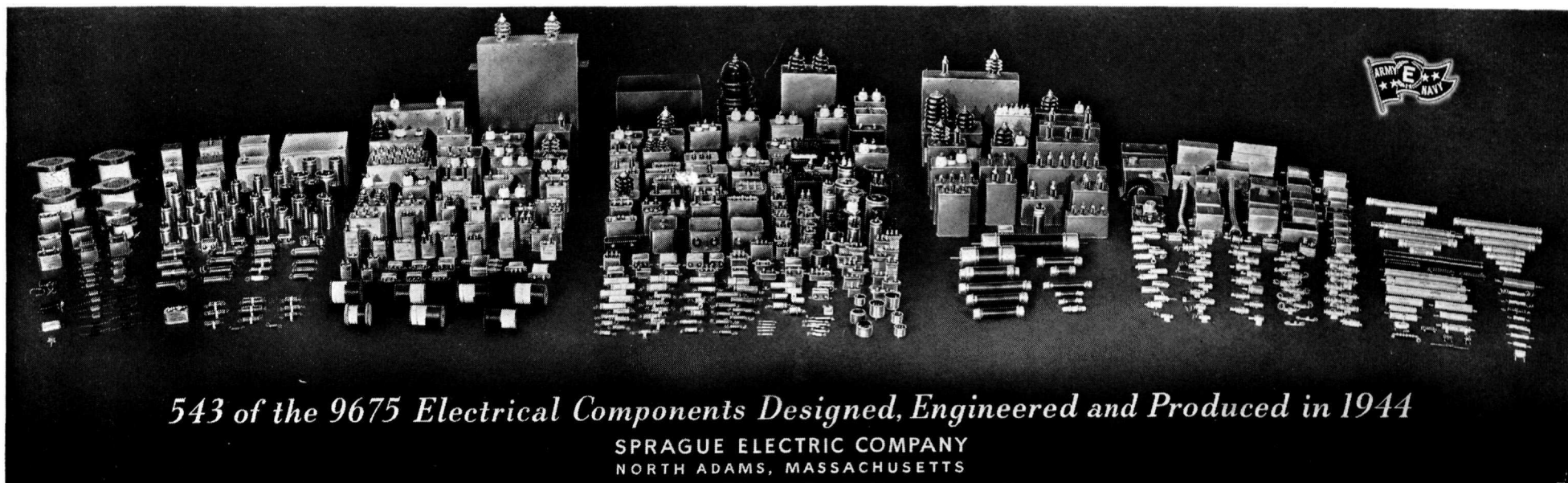
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An Imaginary Trip By Gertrude Hall

I'd like to take you on an imaginary trip through the Tubular Assembly Department, so climb aboard.

Our day starts promptly at seven a.m. Everyone arrives with a happy smile and a cheery good-morning, that is with the exception of Gert Hall who claims she can't smile before nine o'clock. (Ask her husband.) We start our trip by visiting the Stove Soldering group where we find Edna Lavarriere keeping Fred Suthers jumping, looking for wires. There is Charlotte O'Brien (with her very sweet smile) dipping compensators. Over in the corner is Jeannette Foote stripping, (wires of course.) Well, here

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543 of the 9675 Electrical Components Designed, Engineered and Produced in 1944

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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works; how it helps make the modern home, factory, office and store much more efficient, comfortable and productive than 30 years ago.

You will find a short "condenser" story on page three. It is taken from the 1938 LOG. Little do we realize as we telephone, drive the car, turn on the radio, or watch welders at work that our everyday wonders would nearly all be impossible without capacitors,—those modest, retiring, seldom-seen-or-heard,—component parts that build so much hidden value into the very heart of today's electrical world.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS TO ELECTRIFY

Northern Berkshire Communities compare most favorably with any section of the country in their interest in music. During recent months a group of Sprague employees and a few friends have been rehearsing Wednesday evenings. Their purpose has been to develop an orchestra of sufficient size, variety and balance to play music of the highest quality. It is still ambitious to add members whose principal concern is the sheer enjoyment which true musicians get from playing good music together. . . . Known as the Sprague Electric Orchestra, we predict it will some day electrify the community with the excellence of its performance and the breadth of its repertoire. Its concert in March will deserve attendance by the community at large.

THREE GOOD SPORTS

It's an All-American trait to be interested in sports of all kinds. So anytime a newspaper can boast of three top sports writers all at one time you know its circulation is OK. The LOG not only boasts,—it points with pride to Walt Carpenter, Kenny Russell and Bernie Bullett as a triumvirate of Sports Writers second to none. They have the lingo, they have the know-how, and they have the team spirit which never lets a "deadline" down.

Servicemen who visited the plant during the month of December.

Name	Branch of Service	Department
Howard Delisle	Army	Dry Test
Andrew Gi. Iotti	Marines	Machine Shop
Norbert Tanguay	Army	Maintenance
Thomas Perras	Navy	Plating
Norman Charron	Navy	Boxing
Arsene Pandell	Navy	B. T. A.
William Pinsonneault	Navy	Tub. Assembly
Louis Pederini	Navy	Impreg.
William Lesure	Army	B. T. A.
Joseph Schneider	Navy	Maintenance
Robert Bissailon	Navy	Paper Assembly
Albert Blondin	Navy	Paper Annex

RADAR IN PEACE TIME

Just as radar proved an invaluable aid in wartime, so now, it is proving equally valuable in its new peacetime roles. One of the constructive measures to which it is being adapted, is that in helping the deaf to hear.

A new hearing device is now produced, so inconspicuous that it may be worn by a person without the least embarrassment, and yet is in actuality, a small radio sending and receiving station. The mechanical vibrations set up in the wearer's small microphone are converted into electrical energy. The latter is amplified through the peanut-size radio tubes. The intensity of the energy is increased by the miniature transformer and then reconverted by the tiny ear-piece magnet (loud speaker) back into mechanical vibrations which become "audible" to the wearer.

Capacitors and transformers can be

made to step down voltage to mere fractions of a volt or can be made to step up voltages to that of 15,000 volts as for instance that used in Neon lights.

Aid for the Blind

Another use to which radar has been adapted is that of a seeing-eye for the blind. This sensory aid employs a light beam instead of radio waves, and is projected from the front of a nine-pound case carried like a lunchbox. The light beam produces a bright spot on any object on which it falls. The spot is reflected back and detected by a photo-electric cell in the case. The effective range is from two to twenty feet. The user can tell the direction of the obstacle by the way he holds his case. He can swing it from side to side, scanning the path with it. Other improvements are promised for this radar device for the blind.



Plot room aboard an Essex-class aircraft carrier, where death and destruction to Japanese planes, ships, and men, was plotted.

STORY OF MICA

(Second Installment)

Mica was first mined in the United States in 1803 in New Hampshire. When it's blasted out of the mine by electric drills and dynamite or washed from a hillside, it is in the form of crystals, called books. They look something like hunks of rock candy, ranging from about 1-16 of an inch across to 10 feet across. The largest piece found so far came from India. It was 15 feet across. In 1926 in North Carolina the mines found a book that weighed 4,232 pounds.

After the mica is mined it is taken to be cobbled, loosening the excess rock and dirt. Then it goes to the mica peelers who, with a double-edge knife, really peel off layer after layer from the book into sheets about 1-16 of an inch or less thick.

These sheets look like isinglass or stiff cellophane, are elastic and flexible and usually colorless. In thicker masses, mica usually looks brown, gray, green, red, or yellow, and because of that it is called amber mica or ruby mica or smoky mica.

Next, the sheets are trimmed. All the ragged edges are scrapped away.

These scraps of mica are used, too—sometimes ground up to make Christmas snow, or built up with a binder into long strips of tape for insulation.

From the sheets are cut or punched out various shapes and sizes needed by the electrical manufacturers to make their equipment.

Mica is found almost all over the world. Some of the eight different varieties into which it is grouped by scientists come from India, the Island of Madagascar, from Australia, South and Central America, Mexico, Canada, New Zealand, Portugal, and Africa. It's found, too, in Rumania, Norway, Bulgaria, and Spain.

In the United States, we have it in quantity in North Carolina, New Hampshire, Georgia, Virginia, New Mexico, and Alabama, and a little bit in other states.

Mica is an important, ever-present item, and there's hardly a place where it isn't used—from the back yard—to the garage—to the toaster—to the Christmas tree shining by the window right in your own living room!

The Female Is More Deadly Than . . .

Yes, you have heard that before! But wait until electronics steps into the picture, to exterminate mosquitoes. Insect traps are to be baited with the electric recordings of romantic mosquito mating songs. The recordings reveal what we knew all along—the power of the voice of a female (mosquito or otherwise) greatly exceeds that of the male!

TELEVISION BY MOONLIGHT

Be advised. . . . You can be televised if caught on Lover's Lane!

A new television camera tube has been developed which is so sensitive that it can transmit scenes illuminated by candle or match light. When this tube is put in operation, there can be twenty-four hour coverage events by television, regardless of light or of weather conditions.



Hi, Folks! I'm on the line again and all charged up! . . . Well, well, what will they be using "current" for next? Here's a little gadget called an electrical "frisker" that does a better and quicker job of searching suspects for guns, knives, etc. It's based on the same principle as the land-mine detector used in the war—lights up when it spots metal objects.

It's hard to believe, but the average life of household light bulb is 30 months. . . . and a single fluorescent lamp is assembled from 36 separate parts—some of which are Paper Dielectric Capacitors by Sprague Electric. . . . The tiny tubes developed for radar and the proximity fuse in wartime will soon make vest pocket radios available. . . . In reply to "anxious reader" as to how I got my name I desire to state as follows:—The electrical news items supplied by NEMA comprise the electrons (free) given off by Cathode (that's me). . . . The reader of this column is therefore the anode. What she or he had for breakfast (such as griddlecakes) becomes the grid.

If this appears too technical I'll settle for one of those (I invented them) electronic gadgets which takes your temperature without you having to hold a slippery glass highball stirrer (now don't ask me what a glass highball is!) under your tongue while the Doc gets acquainted with the new nurse. . . . Hoping you know what I mean. . . . and being the sole inventor, it must be a good idea. . . . I remain

Ray Cathode

"E" Award Winners Make Good Showing

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only "to facilities which were particularly outstanding in production for the War and Navy Departments. Excellence in quality and quantity of production were two of the determining factors in granting awards. Others included: overcoming of production obstacles; low rate of absenteeism; avoidance of work stoppage; effective management; record on accidents, health, sanitation and plant protection."

The report continues: "Plants which have won the award are at liberty to continue flying the Army-Navy "E" award flag, and make use of the award insignia in publicity, and their employees may continue to wear the "E" award pins."

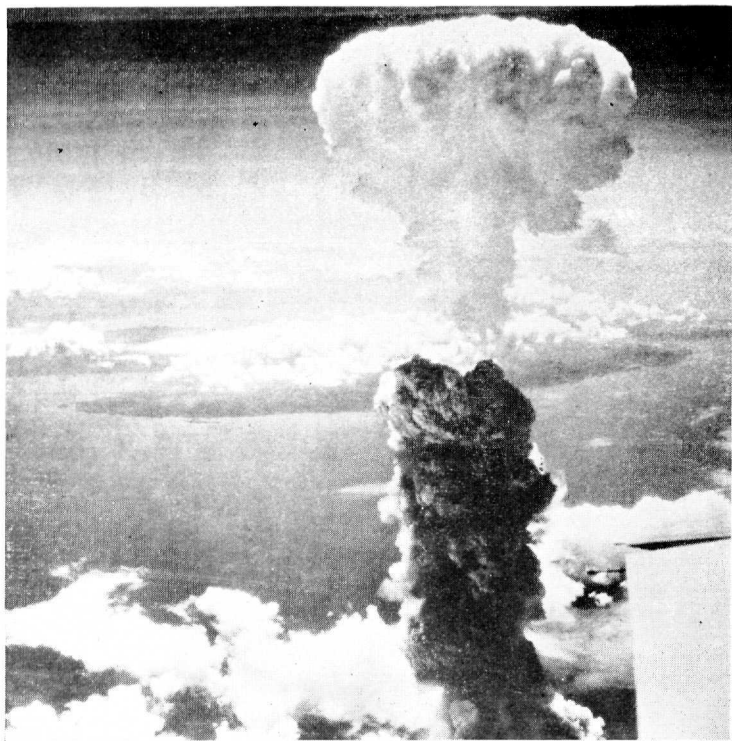
VICTORY IN SCIENCE

More than 75,000 persons attended a "Victory in Science" exhibition at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, providing them the first opportunity to see military devices which had been developed during World War II.

Of special interest were the 1800-horsepower radial aircraft engine, the 2,500,000-volt Van de Graaf belt-driven generator which was used in research on atomic nuclei, and a huge Wind Tunnel used for studies on aerodynamics. Radar formed an important part of the exhibit, showing systems of guiding plane landings, and for bombing ships, and radar-directed searchlights.

Several interesting demonstrations were given, among which were the Edgerton Flash Unit, making possible the photographing at night of enemy country; a communication system employing a light beam as the connecting "circuit", the prefabricated harbors made in sections, and which were floated across the English Channel for use in the Normandy invasion.

ATOMIC POWER IN WAR AND PEACE



A SMOKE GEYSER

Smoke billows slowly upwards over Nagasaki, Japan, after bombing by the atomic bomb.

— Official Photo U.S.A.A.F.

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bombs are needed to destroy all of a nation's concentrations of fighting and industrial facilities above ground? Will it be 100, 1,000 or 10,000?

Suppose a war occurs in the year 1970. Jet-propelled planes or rockets with atomic warheads will beset without warning toward each of the enemy's major production centers. No city of 100,000 population will remain as an effective operating center after the first hour of war. At least 10 percent of the nation's population will be wiped out in the initial blow. If such nation elects to fight back, rockets and planes from hidden installations will carry the reply. The attacker can expect no mercy. Should its citizens have moved underground, its great cities as well as its surface production plants will be annihilated. The fighting will continue until one side chooses to surrender, or is unable to resist.

Countermeasures

Those concerned with the development of the atomic bomb have not seen any feasible means of preventing the bombs from striking their targets. Only two countermeasures have so far been proposed. The first is to disperse our cities into higher regions, so more bombs will be required to destroy them. The second is to place all military installations and essential industries underground, and provide emergency shelters for all, underground. Such measures would interfere with normal life. . . .

Any nation, given time, can build atomic bombs, but the chances are that it will take about five years before a nation will have perfected the method. It will take determination, because of the enormity of the task. The \$2,000,000,000 which we required to build our bombs represents the work of 1,000 men for 1,000 years.

ATOMIC ENERGY IN PEACETIME APPLICATIONS

On the other side of the picture, it is the peaceful applications of atomic energy which will profoundly affect our lives. . . . and those applications are as difficult to predict as a century ago just after Faraday had laid the scientific basis for electrical engineering, was it possible to predict the future of electricity.

At present, controlled atomic power

in the form of heat is a continuous production at several plants, especially at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Hanford, Wash. The heat is a by-product. The useful product—neutrons, are used as a means of transmuting certain chemical elements to others of specially useful characteristics, such as that of uranium into plutonium. Hitherto, the most abundant source of neutrons was the cyclotron which operates on electric power. Per kilowatt of energy used, the fission chain reaction gives 100 times as many neutrons as a cyclotron.

We have not yet built an atomic power plant that is generating electrical power. This is merely because we have been engaged in winning a war. The advantages of atomic power are the extraordinarily low rate of fuel consumption and consequent low cost of fuel, with easy control of the rate at which power is developed and complete absence at power plant of smoke or noxious fumes. . . . Within ten years, it is not unlikely that the power companies designing plants for city service will consider the use of uranium instead of coal for purely economic reasons.

NO MORE BOND DRIVES

There will be no more Bond Drives, but the Treasury will continue to sell E. F. and G. Bonds, formerly known as Defense Bonds, War Bonds and Victory Bonds. These will now be called U. S. Savings Bonds.

The Treasury's goal is about 6 billion dollars' worth of Savings Bonds sales in 1946, as contrasted with over 20 billion dollars' in all types of government bonds sold by the Treasury to all individuals in 1945, the last war year.

Surveys show the public is overwhelmingly in favor of having Bond sales continued. The public has indicated its intention to continue buying Bonds if given the chance. This is especially strong among those millions who have been buying through the Payroll Savings Plan. There seems to be general agreement among Business, the Public, and Government that the continued sales of Savings Bonds will be a good thing for everyone concerned. Bonds will be sold not only through the Payroll Plan but through the same outlets as War Bonds. Millions of Bond buyers have found this the easiest and the only sure way of saving money.

New Member

We are glad to welcome a new member to the Application Engineering Department—Mr. P. B. Alger, who formerly was a Lieutenant-Commander with the U. S. Navy Reserve.

Serving on Grand Jury

When the Superior Court opened in Pittsfield, Mass. for the January session, Albert Hamer, development machinist of the Factory Engineering Department, was elected foreman of the Grand Jury panel for the ensuing year.

Story Of A Capacitor

To acquaint you with one of many components, we are republishing the story on "Condensers" which appeared in a 1938 issue of the LOG:

A condenser is a device that stores or concentrates electricity. When it is storing electricity it is charged. The simplest form consists of two conducting plates such as copper, aluminum or tinfoil, separated by an insulating material such as air, oil, paper or mica. Such a condenser may be charged by connecting a battery to the two plates for a period of time and then disconnecting the battery. If a wire is connected to one plate and the other end brought near the other a spark will jump. In some cases this may be repeated several times before it becomes necessary to charge the condenser.

A perfect condenser would hold its charge forever unless discharged by some means. Since the best insulators will conduct electricity to some extent the charge will leak off and the condenser will become discharged. A good condenser will hold electricity longer than a poor one. Such a condenser has low leakage current or high leakage resistance.

A condenser may be compared to two tanks connected by a pipe with a valve in it. When the valve is closed and one tank is filled with water to a higher level than the other, we have a charged condenser. If the valve is opened the water will flow until the level in the two tanks is the same and the condenser is discharged. If the valve does not leak when closed we have a perfect condenser. If the valve leaks the condenser has leakage.

In 1746 Benjamin Franklin used the condenser formed between the clouds and the earth. This kite formed the wire used to connect the two. He discharged his condenser by drawing a spark between the key and his knuckles.

A filter condenser may be used for storing electricity for a short time and then delivering it to some other device. This corresponds to a reservoir. When there is plenty of rain the reservoir stores up water. During the dry period this water continues to flow into the water mains of the city so that water is available at all times.

A bypass condenser may be used to separate one electric current from another. This would correspond roughly to the use of sieves or screens to separate sand from gravel or for grading coal.

A tuning condenser is used to determine or change the frequency characteristic of an electric circuit as for example the tuning of your radio from one station to another. In watches and many clocks a small spiral spring is attached to the balance wheel. By regulating this spring we can speed up or slow down the speed of the clock. In the radio the condenser is varied to increase or decrease the wave length or frequency of the electric currents. The radio in your home has a condenser in it that performs the above functions.

WANTED - - -

CORRECT ADDRESSES OF SPRAGUE MEN IN SERVICE

The scene of operation of many of our former employees in service has changed so rapidly, it has been impossible to keep an accurate record of them.

We wish to keep in touch with our servicemen -- and it is only possible through your cooperation

If you know of a recent change of address of your son, brother, husband or friend, will you send it in to the Beaver Street Dispensary

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Win Promotions

Robert J. Kelly, formerly of the Industrial Oils Department, has been promoted from Seaman, 1-c to Machinist's Mate 3-c. He is serving with a navy construction battalion on Okinawa.

Joseph A. Zona, formerly of the Industrial Oils Department who is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Mataco off Okinawa, has been promoted to Seaman 1-c Signalman.

Kay Burns Writes:

Le Havre, France

Dear Friends,

This certainly is not the approved method of catching up on long overdue correspondence but it will clear my conscience.

We were called to Fort Des Moines to begin our overseas training on July 17. It was a bit strenuous but a good deal of fun. There were thirty-eight officers in our group, all "characters", and led by Major Kathie Johnson, the "character" above all and known as "The Mighty Midget."

The good ship Cristobal was disappointingly small but we soon found she was seaworthy and quite comfortable. Except for 51 Russian interpreters and other miscellaneous passengers such as war correspondents and French army officials, the WAC contingent occupied the greatest share of the boat.

V-J Day came while we were in mid-ocean and the Transport Commander threw open his suite to the officers for a gala celebration. It was gala, believe me, and that is enough said for that. A fine show was staged on deck our last night with many clever and delightful performances. Our Russian interpreters held the spotlight with their native songs and dances. Some were members of the Don Cossack Chorus and others the Russian ballet but now they were just GI's like the rest of us.

As we approached the Channel we found it quite mine infested and spent some time shooting them down. We stayed in the "pasture" the night of August 20th but was brought in first thing the next morning by the pilot boats. The destruction of Le Havre was greater than I had ever realized and much of it was still in the harbor making it dangerous to this day with rushed redeployment to enter or leave only under the most favorable conditions.

On August 22 we left Le Havre for Compiegne. The novelty of riding in a French train lasted until supper time when K rations were distributed and the unheated cars became very uncomfortable for sleeping. We finally arrived in Compiegne the next day and were trucked off up into the forest to what was to be the staging area for my companions but home to me.

Actually our mission was to assemble nurses and WACs, process them and entrain them for Le Havre and redeployment.

The company has planned to prepare Christmas breakfast in the Cadre Club and pajamas will be worn. At 11 A.M. we will have ten little French orphaned children as our guests for dinner and a Christmas party.

May you have a very Happy New Year, hoping to see you before too long.

Love, Kay



Pfc. George Daub, formerly of KVA Cover Assembly is stationed in Germany. He saw action with the 3rd and 7th Armies, serving under Patton and Patch. He holds the Good Conduct Medal, Infantry Combat and Expert Rifleman Badge, received the Presidential Unit Citation and the French Cross of the Legion of Honor. His wife, Isabel, is in the boxing Department, Beaver Plant.



Donald Laird, SI-c now stationed at Green Cove Springs, Fla. Formerly of KVA Oils Department, Donald served in the Pacific area and is anxious to hear from all his former co-workers. His address: Donald Laird, SI-c, USS Helios, A.R.B.-12, St. Johns River Group—16th Fleet, Green Cove Springs, Fla.



Cpl. James Atwood has served 32 months with the Persian Gulf Command in Iran. His mother is Amelia, of Prokar, Marshall Street.

SPORTS . . . by Carpenter, Bullett and Russell

DRURY TAKES THE LEAD

Drury High took over sole possession of first place in the Northern Berkshire basketball league with a decisive 39 to 30 win over the Adams High team at the State Armory on January 18th. The local lads had to stage a fourth-period rally in order to win, as the Foxes had wiped out a five-point margin the winner held at half time. Incidentally, this marked the first basketball game the Foxes had lost to a Berkshire school in 23 starts, a really commendable record and one which all Adams is justly proud of, and also a tribute to the fine coaching ability of Art Fox.

The Drury team has come along very fast and appears to have reached top form. In Bob Rosasco and Frank Sinclitico they have an excellent pair of guards. Sinclitico has turned in two excellent performances of late, one in holding Everett Unis of St. Joe's the league's leading scorer to two floor baskets, and then coming back to hold Art Fox Jr., to a single loop in the Drury-Adams clash. The remainder of the school's lineup shows balance and plenty of scoring punch. Bill Prevey, a youngster who has come along in leaps and bounds and Gordie Neville, are paired at the forwards and Bob Kately handles the pivot man's job very satisfactorily.

Bouncing Around the League

Williamstown High playing without the services of Capt. Joe Como has lost two in a row, one to Dalton and another to Bennington. . . Bill Danaher, the ambidextrous Williamstown forward continues to pile up points with the College towners. . . Everett Unis, St. Joseph's Capt. gave a great exhibition of basketball at Pittsfield last week. Although held to 8 points by Hayes and Kasuba (they double checked him) Unis was credited with 5 assists, and was forever taking the ball off the backboards. He really is a top-notch hoopster. . . Dave Hosley, Drury's very capable coach has been laid up for several weeks with a serious illness, and in his absence Charley Boisvert, a former Drury and Hartwich Ace, has been coaching the club in a very satisfactory manner. We trust that Dave's illness will be cut short and hope to see him back with his club soon. . . Pittsfield High once again has cracked up in their crucial games with Drury and Adams,—it's a shame a school of their size can't give a more creditable showing. Their win over St. Joe's was called the most impressive of the season, and then it took a belated drive in the fourth period to win. . . Bennington High under the guidance of Will Paro a former Adams athlete has been going strong of late. The Vermonters are always pesky performers at home.

THE KEEN KOSTKAS



Front: D. Sanecki, J. Zaloga, Co-capt. S. Sanecki, Co-capt. C. Pietras, J. Anton, J. Mikutowicz and G. Grasela. Second row: P. Menty, Manager John Blake, President John Zarek, Coach Stanley Brodalski, C. Kupiec and W. Konat.

Local Veterans, Former School Boy Stars, in Colleges

Under the G.I. Bill of Rights many veterans have taken the opportunity of entering a college or university. Here are a few local boys back from the war and now attending some school:

Jackie Jones, former St. Joseph high and Drury athlete has continued his studies at Norwich University.

Clarke Dineen, former St. Joseph high athlete who excelled at basketball has enrolled in a mid-western school—Wisconsin.

"Dick" Emery, former 3 star athlete at Drury who won National recognition in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" by scoring 5 touchdowns from his center position has resumed his studies at Williams College.

Lee Willet, former Drury star who captained the 1942 basketball team is now at Boston University.

Pete Gouger, former Drury baseball pitcher and basketball star has begun his studies at Holy Cross.

Paul Fitzpatrick, former St. Joseph high basketball star is now attending Ohio State.

Bill Fitzpatrick, brother of Paul was also a St. Joseph high athlete and who also played semi-pro football is now at Notre Dame.

To each of these fellows and others whom we have not mentioned, the best of luck and who knows we may pick up the paper and find one of our home-town boys breaking into the headlines and making good in a big way.

As the weeks go on we will welcome news items of some other local lads who are entering some college or university.

College Basketball

With the season nearing the half way mark the number of undefeated college basketball quintets are becoming less and less. Notre Dame has run roughshod over nine opponents in the Midwest to remain in the unbeaten ranks. West Virginia U. also has won 10 in a row holding victories over such high class outfits as Long Island, Canisius, and Penn. State. Holy Cross and American International College both New England teams bidding for National honors are near the top of the heap. Holy Cross is undefeated in its last 5 starts with stunning wins over City College of N. Y. and the highly touted Bowling Green outfit that packs them in wherever they play. A. I. C. is called the "Cinderella" team with 9 victories in 11 games.

—Ken Russell

Sprague Bowling League Reorganizes

The Sprague Men's Bowling League will start off anew on Thursday, January 24th, after a lapse of several weeks with an eight team representation.

The teams represented are as follows: Lunch Room All Stars, Lunch Room Has Beens, Machine Shop, Can Shop, Dry Test, Formation, Umbriago's Pets and the Maintenance. The team captains will hold a meeting January 21st to go over the rules and make decisions relative to the reorganization of the league.

Your reporter is very sorry that the Brown Street Bomber, K. V. A. and the Centrifuge team will not be with us.

The old league was disbanded due to several reasons, enlistments and drafting into the Armed Forces and labor difficulties. To those who have left to go into the service and to those already in the service if by any chance you are home at the time of the league banquet remember you have a standing invitation to attend. Your reporter wishes you God speed and lots of luck.

By Waller Carpenter

Semi-Pro and Amateur Basketball in the Berkshires

The Kostkas of Adams have now won eleven games in a row. In winning their 10th game the boys from Adams were really put to the test as the local American Legion five waged the Mother Town quintet a merry battle until late in the final quarter when capable reserves proved the undoing of the tiring Legion team. The final score was 63-50 in favor of the Kostkas but the score does not truly show the way the game was played. In the third quarter when both teams staged a brilliant scoring spree in which 47 points were tallied many of the shots were sensational. With 4 minutes left in the game the Kostkas led 51-50 and then proceeded to pour 12 straight points through the netting to sew up the game.

The St. Anthony Crusaders meanwhile, are also winning their share and have taken 8 while dropping one. This team will probably be a serious challenge to the Kostkas of Adams but as yet the Crusaders have not booked that game that will undoubtedly pack the Armory. Murphy's All Stars from Williamstown, the Kostkas Vets from Adams, the local Shamrocks and Less Market outfits are playing independent games that have involved clashes with one another. The College town team is about as strong as any in this group although any one of the 4 on a good night could cop the decision.

By Bernie Bullett

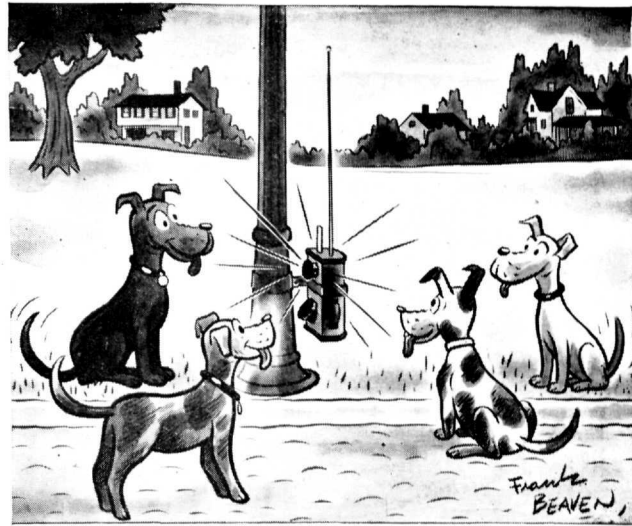
Hartley Revives Basketball at Sheffield High

Bill Hartley, former Drury High School teacher has revived basketball at Sheffield High where he is now serving as principal. Bill who impressed all who knew him in North Adams with his energy and sincerity are pulling for him and nothing that can happen to him or his gallant boys from the So. Berkshire town can be too good, for he is the kind of a gentleman that makes basketball such a good wholesome sport. Incidentally Hartley has developed a very clever hoopster in the person of Don Donsbough, who has averaged close to 17 points a game.

The whispering man commands more attention than the one who talks out loud.

Don't expect too much of other people, because they average up about like you.

"And now season the beef bone and add . . ."



In Panel Discussion

At a dinner meeting of the Berkshire Safety Council, January 23rd at Pittsfield, Mass., a panel discussion on "Safety Problems in Industry" was led by William M. Rogers, manager of the Council. Participating in the discussion was Arthur J. Mathews, Safety Engineer of the Sprague Electric Company, who serves on the Council's board of directors.

Welcome to:

The Research Lab extends a welcome to George DeGrenier and Walter Kateley, ex service men and former employees. George is at the Beaver Lab and Walt is at the Marshall Street Lab.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ducharme, married Sept. 15, 1945. Ed works in Dry Formation, and Mrs. Ducharme (the former Lena Garofano) is employed in B.T.A.

OLIVER-BABEU

Miss Constance Helen Babeu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Babeu was united in marriage to Kenneth W. Oliver, son of Mrs. Margaret Oliver, Saturday morning, January 19, 1946. The bride is employed in the Resistor Department.

PAQUIN-DEMARCO

Miss Elizabeth C. DeMarco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeMarco and George J. Paquin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Paquin were married Monday, January 7, 1946. Elizabeth was formerly employed in the Industrial Oils Department.

CROSS-BELLARD

Miss Elizabeth T. Bellard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Bellard of Adams, Mass. and Francis E. Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cross of Adams, Mass. were married Saturday, January 12, 1946. The bride is employed in the P. A. A. Department at Brown Street.

Celebrates Anniversary

William Campedelli of the Material Control Department, and his wife Josephine, formerly of the Marshall Street Shipping Department, observed their eighth wedding anniversary on January 15th. This was a double celebration for Bill as it was also his birthday. Congratulations!

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Miss Bernice H. Owczarski to Daniel F. Alcombright, Jr., has been announced. The wedding will take place February 23rd. Danny was employed in the Chemical Control Department before entering the service.

Miss Doris Fountain of the Paper Rolling Department and John Scrivens have announced their engagement. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement of Miss Vera Timothy to Pfc. Adelard Lincourt has been announced. The wedding date has not been set. Vera is employed in the Tubular Assembly Department.

Miss Madeline Roulier of the Block Annex is to be married to Francis LaBonte. The wedding is to take place February 16th.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Louise and Seaman 1-c Ernest Skorupski, Jr., U. S. Navy has been announced. Seaman Skorupski formerly worked in the Industrial Oils Department.

Wedding bells will ring out for Miss Alda R. Sondrini and Amilio Ariazzi on March 2nd. Alda is employed in the Mica Lab at the Brown Street Plant.

Miss Beatrice Foucher of Gardner, Mass. and Frank Santelli of the Industrial Oils Department have announced their engagement. The wedding will take place January 26th.

Miss Margaret Sutliff of the Impregnating Department is to be married soon to Pvt. Albert Doyle of the U.S.M. Corps.

Miss Norma Rosetta Lerta and William A. Buzzell have announced their wedding intentions. The wedding will take place soon. Norma is employed in the Check Inspection Department and William was formerly employed in the Impregnating Department before entering the service.

Miss Martha R. Choquette of the Sales Office has announced her engagement to Pfc. Everett E. Harris of Pittsfield, Mass., and formerly of this city. No date has been set for the wedding.

Two men were seated together in a crowded bus. One of them noticed that his friend had his eyes closed.

"What's the matter, Bill," he asked, "feeling ill?"

"No, I'm all right," answered Bill, "but I hate to see ladies standing."

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

The following recipe is the *Log's* choice for the "Recipe of the Month." It was submitted by Ruth Haskins of the B.T.A. Department, and as she says, is an excellent one at the moment, when we face a meat shortage. We know you will agree.

1 cup uncooked rice	Cook rice until tender, then drain.
1 onion, diced	Add remaining ingredients. Turn into
1 green pepper, diced	a greased casserole, dot with butter
1 1/2 ts. salt	and bake in a moderate oven for about
2 cups canned tomatoes	40 minutes.
1 1/2 cup grated cheese	

MARSHALL MUSIC

Retail Sales Dept.

By "Little Iodine"

We all wish Jennie and Larry Burt lots of luck on their trip. The gang were invited to Jennie's home for a dinner. She sure can cook. Jennie received a wallet from the girls. And a good time was had by all.

Teresa Catrambone and Doris Brundick just had birthdays. Doris received a sweater and Teresa a knitting set from the girls. Did anyone ever see Teresa cut a cake? Yes, we all did here. What a mess. Lots of luck from the gang, girls.

By the way, boss, is your name Eary or Henry. Then I hear them call you Ank instead of Hank. With all this fancy talk, I am a little confused. I say 'ome instead of home and 'air instead of hair. Oh! well, I guess I'll go to my girl friend's 'ouse tonight.

Something nice to see—Rosalie Potvin in her new yellow sweater. Is it in the new shade, Rosalie? Canary yellow.

I want to wish Homer Brosseau luck in his new store.

Prokar Dept.

By Mary Dextradeur

Arthur Cellana is discharged from the U. S. N., he was Chief Machinist's Mate on the U. S. West Point; had five years of service. His mother is Regina Cellana of our Department.

Corp. James F. Atwood has been discharged from the army. He had 38 months of service. His mother is Mrs. Amelia Atwood of this department.

Margaret Sacco has another brother, Pfc. Peter Sacco, discharged from the army. He has been two years in the Pacific.

We were pleased to see Louis Danb, when he was home on furlough. Glad to see you looking so good, Louis.

Glad to hear that Margaret Battersby and Bessie Blake are well on the road to recovery. Hope to see both of you soon.

I am sure Ann Card and Barbara Williams, our Check Inspectors, never will make basketball players, when they miss such big baskets as we have here.

We all wish you a real warm and pleasant welcome in your new home, Margaret Redfield.

Our navy Inspector, Adele Wojtaszek sure looks happy these days, since her boy friend has come home.

If anyone wants to know anything about dogs, ask the women on Dry Scraping. They have all the information on the subject.

Wedding Bells soon will ring for Mary Hanley and Francis Therrien. Congratulations to both of you.

Doris Deresia has been so lucky getting rides to and from work.

Mary Kelly, now that shoe rationing is over, you don't have to wear one black and one white shoe, or were you still asleep so early in the morning.

So long Gang, until the next issue.

Shipping and Cancellation

By The "Gold-Dust Twins"

Events of This Department—

Something new has been added in the Department. What is that bright spot in the corner? "One moment, please—a little to the left—no, to the right—maybe it's just a little too high—AH! just right." Everyone is pushing the other person for just one more last look, and all will be under control; because our own Mario Magnani (one man who is handy) has just completed a very precious and delicate job—THE HANGING OF A SHINY NEW MIRROR.

Marshall St. Rumors

If you are blue—see Ernie Belleau.

If you need more—see John Mattimore.

If you are on the beam—see Art Keens.

If it's a helping hand—see Dan McMahon.

When in a jam—see Jack Callahan.

If you are on the rocks—see Jimmy Knox.

When in a state of grief—see Miles Heath.

Best of luck and speedy recovery to Ernest Haley—who is at the Massachusetts General Hospital. The gang misses you.

Loss to our Department:

Isabelle Brundige's witty humor.

Melba Cooper's hearty laugh.

Marge McConnell's sunny smile.

John Mattimore's morning paper.

Paul Crowley's "Hello Girls."

Bill Matthew's chewing gum.



Resistor Dept.

By Helen Jobin

Patience, Kay Corsi... a good cook is not made over night... a day will come when those special dishes you make for your husband (returned from service) will not be failures and wind up in the garbage can!

Marianna Hamafin cooked a delicious dinner (including a four pound chicken) and then urged your reporter's husband to eat all of it.

Congratulations to Lillian Blair—she has been married a month.

Eleanor Carlow certainly has patience ask me—I know!

We welcome back Bernard Robert, recently discharged from the Army.

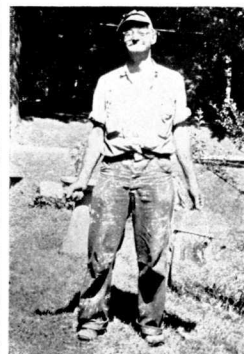
When "Bern" Sabavantis has a glint in her eye, she is usually up to something... and that is most of the time.

Della Keating, by her happy face, is more in love with her husband, day by day. Another happy girl is "Cassie" Chaput, since her husband has returned from service... and "Yours truly" is also very happy since her husband returned... Welcome back "Jodie"—it's grand having you home!

I'm just waiting for the day Jack Shields falls on his face—he travels so fast down the room. Sw-o-o-h, he has already passed by.

It's amazing how Bill Pierce can be in a dozen places at once!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT...



Larry Dow, Electrician from the Brown Street Plant, disguised as a painter. The disguise is almost perfect -- for it looks as though Larry had more paint on his pants than in his pail!

TWINS



Twin son and daughter, John and Jeanette Richards, children of Rose Richards of P. A. A. Rolling Department.

P.A.A. Inspect and Test

By Elsie Leja

We wonder why Pauline Les bought a Christmas present last October, but didn't give it to the person until January?

Bessie Paradis is quite an acrobat. That was some act she put on in that pan of condensers.

A hearty welcome is extended to all newcomers in this department.

Elsie Leja would like to know who the person is who hung the mistletoe over her head.

Who is the girl in the P.A.A. who has to carry a flash light to work to find her way???

A southern accent sure goes over big with some of the men in this department!

Bernadette Ford's husband, Cpl. Frank Ford, has recently returned from the E.T.O. after sixteen months of overseas service. He is now a patient in the hospital at Camp Edwards.

Industrial Oil

By L. White and L. Vincelette

Something new has been added:—

—Sadie Champagne's black eye. She claims she was hit by a broom swung by yours truly, Lydia White.

—Milly Conroy's candy collection. Five chocolates for a quarter is really a bargain.

—Jimmy Copeland to our illustrious group. We hope he survives the shock.

—Louis Vincelette's good nature. He has broken his record for two consecutive days. Hurray!

—Pauline Martin's songs. She'll even sing "The Fireman's Bride", on request.

—Bill Spencer -- Wolf. He turned over a "new leaf" for the New Year. Oo-oo-oo.

Maintenance

By Marion Russell

Welcome to "Tony" Wolosky and Charlie Wright. "Tony" was recently discharged from the army and Charlie from the Marines.

The latest news from one of our former co-workers, John Rossi, revealed he is stationed at Korea. John writes often and he expects to be home soon.

Your reporter's brother, Earl, who was employed in the Gas Mask Department at the time of enlisting, has been discharged from the U. S. Navy.

I. O. Final Assembly

By John Swistak

Once again we roll off on our trip through the K.V.A.

A big welcome is extended to Robert Rivard and Edward Lanza on their return to our Department after long service in the U. S. Army. We hope you enjoy working with us.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Georgina Joy on the recent loss of her sister.

Carey McLain has left our ranks and on behalf of everyone in K.V.A. we wish him all the success and happiness possible.

Somebody ask Ernie Risch what his recent bowling score was. Just in case he refuses to tell you, he finished the first string with a magnificent 571!

More news next time.

Mica Molding and Impregnation

By "Jess" Vallieres

The many friends and co-workers of Alma Mausert wish her the best of everything on her visit to her husband, Lt.-Col. Clayton L. Mausert, who is stationed in Washington. These cold wintry mornings bring back visions of Alma trudging to work in her "Cowboy Pants", and her old pocketbook slung over her arm. We miss those "Literary Talks" too, so hurry back Alma.

A picture from Life's other side is "Sarge" Busby walking through the Impregnation carrying a pail as big as he is.

Don Adams is certainly glad he doesn't have to wait for last-minute instructions before going home.

Johnny Maselli and "Sarge" ought to start a Day Nursery. I hear they do a wonderful job taking care of their children.

Wire Coating

By Betty Jangrow

What the "Weld" dressed man wears for Ice Fishing:

Long winter underwear... Cotton shirt...

...Long sleeved woolen sweater... Heavy woolen sport shirt... Everyday

katrolite fastened daintily with a clothes pin... Sleeveless army leather vest trimmed with three yards of "wolf fur"... and a long black chesterfield. Sorry, a picture is not available, but I swear it is the truth.

Corina Tatro had a pleasant surprise the week end of the 12th, when her son Bernard MM 2c, arrived home on leave. Bernard hadn't been home since November of '44.

We are all happy to hear that Elizabeth Haskins, sister of our foreman, Larry Haskins, is progressing so well. Sincerest wishes for a complete and speedy recovery from all of us to her.

A gentleman: "One who can disagree without being disagreeable."

Visitor: "What a glorious painting—I wish I could take those lovely colors home with me."

Artist: "You will. You're sitting on my paint box."

Come On, Smile!

Fond Mother (to young son): "And whose little boy are you?"

Young Son (with disgust): "Gosh, don't tell me you don't know!"

BUSY BEAVER NEWS

Tubular Assembly

By Gert Hall

Vera Timothy has announced her engagement to Pfc. Adelaar (Chi-Chi) Lincourt. Best wishes to both.

Say, folks, how did you like riding in the trucks? We thought it was fun, at least we got a seat.

AN IMAGINARY TRIP

(Continued from page 1)

are the Assemblers: Jean (hulba-hulba) Ross complaining about junk, and Adele Shaker with her tight covers. For goodness sake will you take a look at Amanda Roy's new job. There's Kay Marra looking glum over a rejected carton while Irene Serventi calmly starts to reinspect it. Oops! we almost bumped into Frank Manns looking for a book of matches and Jack Sullivan running around with a rush lot. Now we come to the power presses with Vera Timothy langing away, singing, "Waiting for the Train to Come In", and Gert Hall looking the eyelet machine over wondering what has got into it. Here comes Cassie with his favorite expression, "Havin' trouble, girls?" Next is the Eyelet Solderers, Frances Gayda and Stacia Zuruck. Did you hear what they just said in Polish? Naughty, naughty girls. What was that—a flash of lightning? Oh no, it is just Maude Waska testing to the tune of "Chickery-Cluck." We are now on the home stretch. The blonde is our champion stamper, Dot Blanchard. Over in the corner is Clara Marceau arguing with Nick Carter over "specs." On we go to the Shipping group where everything runs smoothly under the watchful eye of Henry Menty... End of trip and line. Sorry, no transfers.

Formation and Centrifuge

By J. Shea

The Formation and Centrifuge "Gang" staged an official opening of "Pete" Tash's new restaurant on State Street Saturday, January 12th. Pete is a former employee of the Formation Department. A delicious spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed. The boys did not drink the place "dry" but made a very good attempt though. "Pat" Patenaude and "Boney" Haley entertained the party with a dancing exhibition. Everyone in both Departments recommended "Pete's" for a good time with good food.

We were glad to welcome John Zwiercan and Dalmon Chilson ex-servicemen, recently discharged from the U. S. Navy, back to work.

Several of the boys were laid low with the flu over the Holidays but we are glad to report everyone is back on the job.

YOUNG CHARMER



Beverly Ann Miller, daughter of Lucille, of Wire Coating, and Norman, of Selkar.

Our Safety Corner

REMOVE THEIR
FANGS...

**NAILS SLIVERS
JAGGED ENDS OF
BANDING IRON
SLASH AND
POISON!**

WHAT IS THE WORTH
OF A MAN'S EYES?

If your work involves an eye hazard... even for a few moments during the day... think of the worth of your eyes before you decide, "Goggles aren't necessary."

The next time you see a blind man, ask yourself, "What are MY eyes worth to me? What would HE give to regain his vision?"

Network Lab

By Helen Corsi

A welcome is extended to Gertrude Burr, Dan Kelly, "Bob" Bardsley and Leslie Dustin. Leslie has been recently discharged from the army and the other folks formerly worked for Larry Burt. Welcome also to "Bob" Dube, a returned serviceman.

Millie Kolodziej has been sitting on top of the world since the "Wasp" docked in New York. You're right—her fiancée was one of the boys to come home.

Word has been received that our former co-worker David Chietini is in China, and that he misses the old gang in the Lab. We hope it won't be long before he is back with us again.

Dry Test

By Vi Short

Some of the boys who have reported for work in our Department after receiving their discharge from the Armed Forces are: John Fortini, Joseph Davis, Bronislaw Sojkowski, Raymond Racette. Sure seems like old times having them back with us.

What happened to Julius Lincoln's front tooth?

Edward Horsfall is planning to attend the Ice-Capades in Springfield, Mass., on January 26th. He is going to take some shots of the show and we can hardly wait to see the results. By the way folks, did you know Ed has been appointed Staff Photographer at Drury High School?

Your grandchild, Margaret Anderson, is sure one to be proud of, judging from the picture.

What girl on the A.C. line has an oil well in her cellar? Ask Marjorie Hauptfleisch.

Why is Jennie Chalifoux happy these days? Is it because she is making bonus?

Sorry to hear of your illness, Helen Lesage. Hope your recovery is rapid.

That "new" '41 Chevrolet Norman Remillard purchased recently is quite nice.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John Fortini who were married recently.

What's this we hear about Mary Scieszka and her boy friend of Adams? Wedding bells soon, Mary?

We sure miss you, Gregory Alcaro. Hope you are well and back to work soon.

The unveiling of the statuette presented Lucien Siciliano at Christmas by the A. C. Line left him in high spirits over the Holidays. Much credit is given to Jennie Chalifoux for her expert taste in selecting such a beautiful piece of art.

Sample Lab

By the Shadow

We extend a welcome to Dorothy McKeon and David Puppolo to our Department. David is an ex-service man. Hope you both enjoy your new work.

The Check Inspection has moved in with us, and it is real chummy here. The only thing they must not cross the line for there must be left space for us to walk.

No wonder Dot Martin has been going around with a big smile. Her hubby has been discharged from the Armed Forces. Lots of happiness to them.

Believe it or not we have a time clock in our room. It sure seems grand not to get an elbow in the ribs, or your feet stepped on, from the Office Gang.

Cheer up, Millie Krutiak, the F P line is just outside the door now. Think of the shoe leather you will save. Bet you wish all the new orders will be F P's. Don't know that I blame you.

Boxing

By Connie Urbano

Notice that sparkle in Ruth Davis' eyes? It is because her boy friend has returned from service. We understand that wedding bells will soon be ringing.

Have you noticed the change in this Department—each day something different takes place—and some familiar face is missing. It's all due to the transfer of the old F.P. line to new quarters. We sure miss you, girls, but wish you happiness in your new quarters.

Two of our reporters from Boxing have been transferred—Lucy to another job, and Rose Cilli to the new quarters of the F.P. line. Success to you both.

Congratulations and much happiness to our Pauline Foy, who became Mrs. Richard Dean this Saturday, January 26th. Richard has just received his discharge from the Navy.

ALL ABOARD FOR BLANKET BAY



"Denny" Pedrin, son of Jules of Block Annex and Rita of Check Inspection.

Block Test

By "Mickey" Koczela

We extend a cordial welcome to Casimer Gliwski and Stanley Mastalisz ex-servicemen and former co-workers, and to Frank Brooks, a returned veteran and new member of our Department. It is swell having you with us.

The girls certainly enjoy working with you. Young men around, at last!

Jack Sullivan certainly got a surprise when he tried a new tooth paste. In fact, he actually enjoyed brushing his teeth with it until he discovered it was shaving cream. Tch, Tch, Jack.

We all miss our department clerk and Log reporter, Barbara King, who has been sick. Glad to hear you are better, "Barb", and hurry back to us.

Helen Harrington spent an enjoyable week end visiting relatives in Windsor, Vt.

Our speed demon, Alda Massari, also spent a few days with her family in Readsboro, Vt.

In our Department if you look here, there, and everywhere, you'll see our genial boss, Frank Manns as busy as a bee. His slogan lately is, "You can hit the rate."

We were sorry to hear the mother of Frances Solari and Bertha Jennings is ill. We will say a prayer for her speedy recovery.

Who's the happiest mother in our department? Answer—Elizabeth Kenney. She received the wonderful news that her son John will be home in the very near future. John formerly worked in the Dry Test.

Paper Rolling

By Hubba! Hubba!

Dolly Francis is enjoying a vacation with her husband, who was recently discharged from the Armed Forces.

Jeanette Roy is also enjoying a short vacation with her husband, home on furlough.

Lots of luck to Harold Caron, formerly of this Department and now employed in the Can Shop. Hope you will like it there, Harold.

"Jo" Farley and Lena Solomon have sure been having fun riding in the company's truck.

Welcome is extended to Annette Dupuis and Esther Konopka. We hope you will like your work and your co-workers.

"Jo" Farley eats an apple a day to keep the doctor away. That's what the lady says.

"Vi" Dupuis' love for bananas is so intense that she dreams of them, my, my!

"Doc" Poissant, the generous soul, passes out peppers around lunch time. Incidentally, "Doc", are you still as fond of chocolates as you were at Christmas time?

Why does Eva Lescarbeau walk around in a trance? Could it be a new beau?

Belated birthday wishes to Mary Templeton.

Whatever is the matter with Eva Benini, she just can't keep her mind on rolling? Is "Bell-Bottom Trousers" in town?

Best wishes to Doris Fountain, her engagement to Jack Scrivens has been announced.

Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

The long-awaited day has been set, when Madeline Roulier will marry Francis LaBonte... February 16th. Francis served 33 months with Uncle Sam, 30 of them in the Pacific area. We're glad that "Fran" is home, Madeline, and wish you the best of luck.

We welcome Lester Moore to our Department—hope you like it here! Seaman John Scott, U.S.N., son of Catherine, was home recently on leave. He is stationed at Newport, R. I.

Welcome back, Alphonse Lafountain—hope you're feeling much better after your long leave. Frank Major and Charlie Desrosier are especially glad to see you, since they won't have to stay so late and do all that shipping.

Speedy recovery to Evelyn Bissaillon—grippe certainly gets one down.

Florence Moreau had a wonderful time in Canada over the Holidays—we understand there was more there than just the scenery!

Good luck to Gloria Modena in her new venture.

Hazel Martel has gone to Florida for a visit—lucky girl!

We miss Lillian Myles and her gay tunes—speedy recovery.

What are you doing, Alice Carpenter to get so thin—wish we had your recipe.

Bernard Flaherty, formerly of the Block Annex has enlisted in the U. S. Army, and is stationed at Ft. Devens.

Bathtub Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Did you see the picture of "Sis" Chaperon and her "Red" in the Transcript recently? "Sis" certainly seemed to be having a good time at that Ex-Servicemen's dance.

It's good to see Ann Sondrini back at work. She has been ill with the "flu."

Stacia Wisniewski and Lucy Libardi are also back with us again.

Machine Shop

By Walsh and Remillard

The Machine Shop is glad to welcome back former co-workers who have been in service: Alfred Daldoss, Donat Remillard, John Gifford, Donald Wyman and W. Aubrey Brown. Seems swell to have you with us again.

When a technician was in the plant to type blood and volunteers were called for, the Machine Shop gang responded nearly 100%.

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

We are all happy to learn that Betsy Haskins is now back in Massachusetts and so much nearer home. She was recently moved by train from Gallinger Municipal Hospital in Washington, D. C. to Lakeville State Sanitarium in Middleboro, Mass. where she continues to make a slow, but good, recovery.

Our Happiest Girls

Two of the happiest girls of the Blue Print Department are Phyllis and Millie, for whom the days of waiting are over. Their husbands—Harold Olson and George Forgea respectively, have been separated from the Navy, where each held the rating of MOMM2-c. Both entered the Navy on November 22nd, 1943 and had their boot training together at Sampson, N. Y. From there, the two boys were separated, although they followed similar courses. Both saw service in the Atlantic and Pacific theatres—but at Boston, San Diego and Okinawa they missed each other by a day's time.

However, they finished pretty close together both were discharged from Boston—George on December 31st and Harold on January 3rd—just three days apart.

According to the rules, a drowning person goes down three times... Doris Hiser has gone down for the second time. The first time was that overseas Christmas present; the second time, she slid (quietly?) from her chair. We are all waiting for the third event. Doris... make it good!

Shades of our bygone childhood... What folks in Engineering like their Zwieback... but we agree with them—it is good.

Production Scheduling

By Florence Southgate

Bette Hubbard, formerly of this Department, visited the various offices to wish her friends a Happy New Year, while enjoying a leave from the Navy Department in Washington, D. C.

You'd better watch out, Marie-Rose, when you go skating again... and by the way, how is your knee, now?

Incidentally, we are now in our new office on the fourth floor. Gosh! it sure is snazzy. We even get lost ourselves, trying to find the various departments—but we'll get used to it.

Have you heard the news about "Yo Yo"? She caught the bride's bouquet at a wedding she attended in Albany, N. Y. where she was Maid of Honor. You know the old saying, "Yo Yo" about catching the bouquet?

EASY TO MAKE



Socks and matching mittens that are fun to make. Call for directions at the Beaver Street Dispensary.